



The Messenger

CHURCH OF CHRIST
SOUTH YUKON

Matthew's Top Ten Reasons NOT To Follow Jesus

10. He is too demanding (19:16-30).
9. He embarrasses the self-righteous when they are wrong (15:1-12).
8. He's small town and too familiar (13:53-58).
7. He's on the demon's team (12:22-37).
6. He heals people on Saturday (12:1-14).
5. He hangs around all those sick people (9:9-13).
4. He kills pigs and threatens our livelihood (8:28-34).
3. I've got other important things to do (8:21-22).
2. I like my comfort (8:18-20).
1. I think he wants my throne (2:1-12).

They followed him across the lake, but would they continue in discomfort and would they make following him their first priority. I don't necessarily think about a choice regarding following Jesus in Matthew until the challenge to count the cost and prioritize the responsibilities of Matthew 8:18-22. Earlier in the Matthew account, Matthew himself and the magi seem really eager and Herod is completely resistant. No drama in their choices, at least as Matthew tells it. The teacher/disciple and the other disciple in this discipleship story of Matthew are willing to consider the plunge, but they only have one foot in the water. Jesus sees the reservation in one; the other admits his reservation without recognizing that it is a problem.

We know his teachings. The source of happiness isn't what we thought. Real followers have a real impact. Jesus interprets and lives the law perfectly. Murder, adultery, divorce, and promises have more to do with the heart than we thought. Turn the other cheek and love your enemies. Act in a way to gratify God, not impress people. Treasures in heaven are better. Worrying is for pagans. Don't give pearls to pigs; save your best judgments for those who will appreciate you. God is a great giver and we should be great givers, too.

We know his miracles. He cleansed lepers, healed servants from a distance, and touched the feverish so that they could immediately

serve.

We also face the same choice as these people in Matthew 8. The choice isn't simply, "Will you follow Jesus?" The question is "Will you make following him your first priority and will you keep following regardless of the cost?"

Kenneth Grider said that many Christians follow close enough and long enough to make them decent, but not enough to make them dynamic. Will you follow Jesus first and forever? Will you let him impact you for the dynamic – the abundant – life? That's Life at Work!

Richard May

New Family Members



Howard and Freddie McCorkle
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Joe and Tracy Tess
Kaitlyn, Annabelle, Benjamin
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Sunday

Welch Baby Shower
All Church Fellowship

Monday

Men's Bible Study
Elder's Meeting
Areawide

Tuesday

Autism Support Group
Funtimer's Lunch/Service Project
NAMI Support Group

Wednesday

Summer Series - Johnny Hinton

Thursday

Foster Parent Support Group
Mommy & Me Play Group

Saturday

Menifee (Rogers) Wedding

Attention All Guests!

We have a gift for you this morning to thank you for worshiping with us. Please go to the table in the "Guest Connections" area of the foyer following our worship service. Richard May, some of our elders, and members of our Guest Connections Team will be there to greet you.

All Church Fellowship

Today at Noon in the Fellowship Hall.

Prayer Requests

Edith Bond, Sharron Davidson's mother, has been moved to a skilled nursing facility, the Epworth Villa at 150th and North Penn in OKC.

Mary Alice Burks has not been feeling well.

Larry Fiscus, friend of Kelly and Cristi Killian, has stopped all chemo treatments and is now on Hospice care. They would like us to say a special prayer for peace and comfort for the family as they deal with losing a loved one and that Larry will not have to suffer further with this disease. And that God's Will be done in the situation.

Gracie Hall, 5 month old great-great niece of Charles and Jalene Davis, is still suffering from seizures. She has been put on new medication, please pray this will help.

Don and Katy Hoggatt's son and daughter in law received news that they did not get accepted for the adoption of the new baby...just pray for a next time.

Gerald Logsdon is in Deaconess Hospital room 527 in the skilled care facility. He will be undergoing more tests. He loves to have visitors.

Mike Meadows would like for us to pray for him as he tries to put Christ first in his life.

Tim Newby, the son of Mary Alice Burks, is in critical condition at the OU Medical Center (Presbyterian Towers) after being injured in a car accident.

Gary Oliver, the friend of Joe and Cathy Stockton, passed away. Please remember his wife Pam and their sons in your prayers.

Laekyn Ritter will be going into the St. Francis Hospital in Tulsa Tuesday for testing regarding her seizures. She will be there for 2 or 3 days.

Obed Wooldridge, the father of Tom, is in the hospital in Lubbock, TX with a blood clot in his lung and behind his knee.

Please continue to pray for: **Juanita Bennett** (Dorine Watson's daughter~amputated leg), **George Bryan** (Joy Wallace's dad), **Virginia Cox** (Terrie Wooldridge's mother), **Wanelda Folks**, **Buddy Glass** (Vicki Bonny's dad), **Debsee Hale**, **Brad Hudson** (bhudson16@cox.net), **Liz Knight**, **Gerald Logsdon** (Gran Gran's #33), **Jake McCathern** (Stump's grandson~heart defect), **Tim Mize** (108 Snowmass), **Bonnie Montgomery** (James' mother~stroke), **Roy Nusbaum**, **Mike Ritchie**, **Russell Schoof** (staph infection), **Sandra Schoolcraft**, **Donna Sterling**, **Terry Turner** (Angie Meadows father~had a liver transplant), **Marlene Wadkins**, **Mel & Debbie Warden**.

Cancer: **Arthur Anthony** (brother of Evelyn Hughes), **Gary Brawner** (Patrick's dad), **Vernon Clark** (Rosie's son), **Ron Clemmens** (Brian's dad), **Chan Duel** (Micha Hughs grandfather), **Larry Duff** (b-i-l of Patty Clements), **Donna Fitzgerald**, **Kathy Grant** (Andy Langham's sister), **Stefanie Grantello**, **Tony Hall** (Bruce & Betty's son), **Norman High** (Cathy Montgomery's dad), **Dean Hill**, **Bea Johnson**, **Jim Linam**, **Joy Lindsey** (Sarah Kennett's s-i-l), **Carol Marcum**, **Marvin McCathern** (Floyd's brother), **Vonda McPherson** (Norma Heldreth's cousin), **Ralph Miller** (Jack Nowlin's friend), **Gary Oliver** (Joe Stockton's friend), **Tommy Schultz** (b-i-l of Alan and Linda Bratcher), **Leota Settlemires** (Jeremy Finerock's grandmother), **Glenna Shockley** (Teresa Harris' friend), **Earline Shriver** (Gary's mom), **Lloyd Unsell** (prison minister), **Shelly Vang** (Laura Ethridge's daughter, 1208 Kings Way, Yukon, 350-7354).

Our Shut-ins: **Marie Cox**, **Loree Sturgess**, **Audrey Gray**, **Don and Veda Morris**, **Buck Buchanan** (a former elder at Memorial Road, is at Gran Gran's room 5. Would appreciate men coming and reading scripture and praying with him).

On Hospice Care: **Donna Fitzgerald**, **Don Morris**, **Tom Heldreth**, **Larry Fiscus** (Killian's friend)

Expectant Mothers: **Becky Schrock**, **Sandi Doyel**, **April Everhart**, **Holly Gooch**, **Brenda Thompson**, **Lana Wooldridge**, **Melanie Welch** (triplets), **Robyn Keele**.

Activated Military Personnel: **Josh Sisson**, (nephew of Emma Logsdon), **Mick Dustin**, **Chris Wermey** (Morris' nephew), **Brian Carroll** (friend of Easter's)

The true test of civilization is not the census, nor the size of the cities, nor the crops -- no, but the kind of man the country turns out.

Ralph Waldo Emerson



Communication Shut-Down: What Was It Like?

Horrible, just horrible! You know the adage "Silence is golden." We don't believe it for a minute! Richard was not allowed to speak for 12 days after his surgery. I never knew how long 12 days could be! You can imagine all the comments we heard about his quietness, but there was never a minute that I was happy about the deafening silence around our house. We prayed constantly for this to be a temporary situation! Here are some of our reflections on a shut down of communication from our two week "vow of silence."

1. I never knew if Richard was happy, sad, hurting, or just deep in thought. Trying to figure it out usually created frustration within me.
2. Brad, Brittney, and I all found that we talked less, not only to Richard, but also to each other.
3. Our social life suffered. Going out just wasn't as fun! Not only was Richard uncomfortable, but those around him felt uneasy, so we avoided staying in groups.
4. Decision making was difficult. It was impossible to effectively communicate emotions through the notes he wrote.
5. For some reason, physical intimacy seemed awkward. Our minds convinced us that if we don't use our mouths to talk then we can't kiss either!
6. We were able to keep up our nightly family and couple devotionals. Some of you asked. They were awkward though. In our couple devo, I did the reading, prayer, and IF there was any discussion – it was one-sided
7. Emotionally, I missed my best friend! I learned that Richard talks more than I thought he did; and he learned how important it is to really take advantage or the opportunity (blessing) of speaking up! I realized how much I take for granted hearing the words "I love you!" because I did not hear them for 12 days; and it really had an effect. I did tell Richard, but I could not hear it; and he could not say what was on his heart.

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One Small Step for Man, One Giant Leap for Man Kind

The moon is a beautiful celestial body. Wonderfully made and people around the world have been in awe of it since Adam first laid eyes on it. The U.S. government (among others) spent billions of dollars just to take a visit. It helps us in night-time navigation, controls the ocean tides, and most importantly provides the world with a night light. With a full moon, even in the country, we're able to see where we are going without much other light. And all the moon does is reflect the sun. Jesus is the light of the world (John 8.12). Those who have a relationship with Christ walk in that light (Eph. 5.8). Just as there is one sun in our solar system and one main light, there is also one Son in our spiritual system and He is the main light. But there are many moons in our galaxy and they all reflect the sun. We can all do that; we can reflect the light of the Son! Jesus said that we also are lights of the world in Matthew 5.14; and in verse 16 he encourages us to be bright. The moon is most spectacular when it is full. That's the same encouragement that Jesus gives us – be a full moon. Be bright, don't just reflect little slivers. Be proud of your Christian name; reflect the light of Jesus wherever you go.

You stay classy South Yukon,

Josh

Teen News

Shawnee Central area wide is tomorrow. Be sure to sign up on the bulletin board this morning. We need at least ten to sign up to be able to go.

Parents: Save the date! August 19 after morning services in room 42/43 (across from the Parlor) there will be a planning meeting. We will discuss the fall/winter event schedule among other things.

SNL is Sunday, August 26 after evening services at the Stephens (205 Castle Rock Road).

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8. There was no real opportunity for conflict resolution! It's impossible to argue by yourself and feel good in the end!

9. Richard had a difficult time expressing what he needed. He couldn't even tell me he needed pepper for his squash, much less an encouraging word.

10. We learned one funny thing: Kids get a kick out of being allowed to tell their dad that he has to shut-up.

Next week, we've got a challenge for you about a vow to silence. Be sure to look for it!

Richard and JeannaLynn



Guest Connections

A new homeowner's lawn mower broke down. He had been working fruitlessly for two hours trying to get it back together. Suddenly, one of his neighbors appeared with a handful of tools.

"Can I give some help?" he asked.

In twenty minutes he had the mower functioning beautifully.

"Thanks a million," the now-happy newcomer said.

"And say, what do you make with such fine tools?"

"Mostly friends," the neighbor smiled. "I'm available any time."

We all have probably felt the angst of being the "newcomer." It can be frustrating, frightening, or exciting. It all depends on the situation.

This morning we are beginning the new *Guest Connections* Ministry. This effort will complement the Greeters and Ushers Ministries. Each Sunday morning we will welcome our Guests and help connect them with others in the congregation. Volunteers will staff the Guest Table in the foyer before and after Class to answer questions, assist in locating the nursery, classes, etc. Following the Worship Service, they will support the Guest Reception, where we will give our first time guests a gift bag and introduce them to Staff, Elders; and Ministry Leaders.

Please support this Ministry. If you see a guest, introduce yourself and invite them to the Guest Connections area. Perhaps we can take away that "first day at a new school" feeling.

Keep The Light Burning!

Perry Greene



One of the most biblical things we are to do as a congregation is participate in fellowship activities. This can be through hospitality groups in our homes, developing relationships by sharing in service activities, or just sitting down together at a potluck to get to know one another better.

The Fellowship Ministry makes a significant contribution to the "friendship factor" at South Yukon. This Ministry plans and schedules: Quarterly Church Fellowships; Monthly Anniversary Dinners; the Annual Elders/Deacons/Preachers Dinner; New Member Dinners; and oversees New Members meeting in current members homes. This is certainly a daunting task but extremely rewarding for all of us!

Jason Engle is our Deacon in charge of Fellowship. He is supported by Andy Dean in the Eldership.

Perry Greene

World Bible School

Intro Lessons: 746

Other Lessons: 707

Baptisms to Date: 67



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Statistics

Attendance

Bible Classes: 384
A.M. Worship: 545
P.M. Worship: 262
Wednesday: NC
Daily Bible Readers: 87
Present Membership: 583

Contribution

Last Week: \$14,545
Budget Requires: \$15,000

Family Matters



Baby Showers

For: Greg and Melanie Welch

Expecting: Triplet girls

Date and Time: Today at 2:00

Place: Parlor

Registered: Target and Babies R Us

For: Colby and Sandi Doyle

Expecting: Girl

Date and Time: Sunday, Aug 12, 2:00

Place: Parlor

Registered: Babies R Us, Kohl's, Target and Walmart

For: Clint and Brenda Thompson

Expecting: Boy

Date and Time: Sunday, Aug 19, 2:00

Place: Parlor

Registered: Target and Babies R Us

Cook Book Recipes

A recipe book is being compiled for Paul and Kayrene Gerber as a going away gift. Please give your favorite recipe to GayLyn Byrd or Melissa Willingham. The Gerbers new address is 9826 Charline Lane, San Antonio, TX 78254 (210-680-1219) prgerber@gmail.com

Nametags

We are having a good number of guests each week. It would be helpful to them (and our members) if we wear our nametags each week. With the nametags we can more easily identify our members and make our guests feel more at home. Our new members will also appreciate it. It is hard to know the names of 600+ people!

Thank You

We want to thank you for your concern and love expressed through your hugs, calls, cards, food, and prayers because of my surgery. The good news from the biopsy and the word from the doctor this week about the excellent healing are a testimony to your prayers for me. I will be seeing a speech therapist to ensure that there is not a reoccurrence of a nodule, but the doctor was very pleased with my progress. Thank you for standing with us as our church family. We could not have felt more loved!
Richard and JeannaLynn

Funtimer News

The Funtimers will meet Tuesday at Noon in the Fellowship Hall for Lunch and work on Service Project. Bring a sack lunch.

If you would like to go to the Clinton Jamboree on Saturday, August 18th, please sign the list on the bulletin board outside the foyer. Also, there is more info about the trip on the sign up sheet.

Sewing Machines

Sonshine Stitchers need sewing machines. If you have one you can donate, please see Florine Jones.

Men's Breakfast

Saturday, August 18th from 7:30-9:00am in the Fellowship Hall. If you plan to attend, please sign up on the bulletin board.

KFC Skating Party

There will be a Skating party on Sunday, August 12th from 6:30 - 8:00 pm. For more information, call Marlo Roddy.

Walkie Talkie Group

Anyone interested in walking and getting to know each other at the same time, meet at the church building on Monday evenings at 7:30 under the covered drive. For questions see Kristi Finefrock.

Phone Number

In last weeks bulletin we listed Paul and Ruth Trammel's cell phone numbers, but they also still have the same home phone number of 265-1558.

Lego's Needed

We are in need of some of the chunky/ bigger Lego's in good condition. If you have any that you would like to donate, please bring them by the office.

Our Sympathy

To David Reiter and family on the passing of his dad, Dan Reiter. Services were held last week in Wichita, KS.

To Bill and Annie Irby and family on the passing of their son-in-law, John Heimke. Services were held last week in Mesa, AZ.